



Monthly newsletter of the Cal-Diego Paralyzed Veterans Association

## Cal-Diego Leaders Travel to PVA Seminar

by Wayne Landon

The Annual PVA Advocacy / Legislation seminar was held in Washington, D.C. After two days of receiving and sharing information on VA budget FY 2003, health care and pertinent VA issues, we were off to Capitol Hill for the final two

Department of Veterans Affairs.

On March 5th we had a presentation presented by a keynote panel consisting of Rick Jones, National Legislative Director, AMVETS, Joe Violante, National Legislative Director, DAV, and Dennis Cullinan,

National Legislative Director, VFW.

An emphasis was placed on the importance of organizations with like interests working together for their

President Fox addressed a joint of the House and Senate Committees on Veterans Affairs, PVA's 2002 annual testimony. Within days of our return from Washington D.C., the fruit of our congressional visits was already evident. The Administration had proposed that Priority 7 veterans pay an annual deductible of up to \$1500 for the cost of their health care and this proposal was voted down.



Delatorro McNeal, Executive Director and Joseph Fox Sr., President at the National PVA Advocacy/Legislation seminar.

days to hear the Committee on Veterans' Affairs give briefings, witness PVA's annual testimony and conduct Congressional Visits.

On March 4th, we heard introductory remarks from Joseph L. Fox Sr., PVA National President, Delatorro L. McNeal, Executive Director, and Douglas K. Vollmer, Associate Executive Director for Government Relations.

Our keynote speaker was the Honorable Anthony J. Principi, Secretary of

common cause.

We were briefed on point papers which covered the topics of:

- FY 2003 VA Budget Protection of Specialized Services VA's Forth Mission
- Opposition to \$1500 Deductible for Category 7 Health Care
- Voting Accessibility Reform
- The ADA Notification Act
- New Freedom Initiative - transportation
- The Medical Reform

On our final day of the conference,



Delatorro McNeal and Bob Filner.

